

was a bullish tendency. Now it is erratic.

शेठ मचल सिंह : क्या मंत्री महोदय को मालूम है कि लाखाँ मन तल वेस्ट बंगाल से ईस्ट पाकिस्तान को स्मगल हो रहा है ।

**Shri M. V. Krishnappa:** We have no information about smuggling. But there is a little smuggling of everything in the border and action is being taken in the matter.

### Alarm Chain

\*612. **Shri B. Das Gupta:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the alarm-chain apparatus on up Howrah-Adra-Chakradaharpur passenger train on the South-Eastern Railway has been blanked off from the 20th July, 1957 by the Railway authorities;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) what alternative arrangement for emergency has been made in this long-distance running train?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes

(b) The frequent pulling of the alarm chain and the consequent detention to the train, causing serious inconvenience to passengers and repercussion on the running of other train as well.

(c) The vacuum brake remains operative on the train engine, in the Guard's brake van and in compartments set part for ladies. Also the guards and the engine crew have instructions to be specially vigilant and to stop the train when so required.

**Shri B. Das Gupta:** May I know in how many long-distance trains, not local, has the alarm chain apparatus been blanked off?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** The hon. Member put the question in respect of only one train. I shall require a separate notice for this.

**Shri Supakar:** May I know whether this is the only train in which the alarm chain apparatus has been blanked off?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** No. There are several others.

### Railway Protection Force

\*613. **Dr. Samantsinhar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Protection Force has been established in the South Eastern Railways;

(b) if so, the date of its establishment; and

(c) the name of its headquarters?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes

(b) It was established on the 1st August 1955, when the South Eastern Railway was formed.

(c) Calcutta.

### Delhi Ahmedabad Air Service

\*614. **Shri K. U. Parmar:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from businessmen and industrialists of Ahmedabad for Air Service from Ahmedabad to Delhi and vice versa;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to start a bi-weekly Air Service from Ahmedabad to Delhi and vice versa in the near future?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) and (b). Certain representations had been received against the curtailment of the Delhi-Jaipur-Jodhpur-Ahmedabad-Rajkot air service beyond Jaipur with effect from 14th April, 1957 and replies had been given that the curtailment was necessitated by the poor traffic on the route.

(c) No, Sir.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** May I know whether this curtailment is leading to under-utilisation of air-craft because it stops at Jaipur for six hours and how this loss is going to be made up?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** There is a proposal, which is being examined, whether the Delhi-Jaipur service may be extended to Udaipur and Ahmedabad. That is under consideration.

**Shri T. B. Vittal Rao:** Is there a proposal that the Delhi-Jaipur service should touch Agra also?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** Agra will be connected with the Delhi Jaipur service.

**Shri Kasliwal:** May I know whether the question of connecting Ahmedabad by air is being considered?

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** Ahmedabad is connected by air.

**Shri K. U. Parmar:** There is no air service on Delhi Ahmedabad line or vice-versa.

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** There is a connection between Ahmedabad and Bombay. Then there are a number of services between Bombay and Delhi.

**Shri K. U. Parmar:** My question was whether there is an air service between Delhi and Ahmedabad or not.

**Shri Humayun Kabir:** There is at present no direct link. The service was there before. But because the traffic is very inadequate, it has not been possible to maintain it.

#### Volunteers for Postal Services

\*615. **Shri B. C. Mullick:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No 1304 on the 29th August, 1957 regarding volunteers for postal services and state whether the required information regarding the postal strike has been collected?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** Not yet; reports from a few circles are awaited.

**Shri B. C. Mullick:** How much more time will the Government take to get the information?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** We have received information from some circles. Information from West Bengal UP and Bihar are awaited.

श्री भक्त वंशन क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि जो यह स्वयंसेवक लोग आगये, उनको कुछ पुरस्कार भी दिया गया था, या वे ऐसे ही स्वेच्छा से आगये ?

श्री राज बहादुर स्वयंसेवक बहुधा सेवा की भावना से ही आगये। मैं समझता हूँ कि कोई खास पुरस्कार पुरस्कार के रूप में नहीं दिया गया।

#### Aerodrome at Forbusiganj

\*616. **Shri Mohammed Tahir:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that an aerodrome is being constructed at Forbusiganj in Purnea District in Bihar,

(b) if so, whether land has been acquired for the said purpose and this land includes a graveyard,

(c) whether there is any proposal to release the graveyard from being acquired for the purpose of aerodrome, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Humayun Kabir):** (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The land has been acquired for the purpose, but according to the records available with the Government, there is no graveyard within the aerodrome boundary. The State Government have, however, been asked to furnish a report in this matter.

(c) and (d) Do not arise